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GULF COAST CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015



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President's Corner



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ASMC Gulf Coast members ... by the time you read this, we will have endured another year end. Also, many of us at Eglin will have attended the FM Oktoberfest. Hard to believe we plan and plan and work and work, and the days fly by fast.

I just held an Executive Committee meeting with your chapter leadership. We discussed the treasury, upcoming programs, how to raise more funds and fulfil a goal to award more scholarships. A couple of things continue to be at the heart of many discussions - volunteers is the most pressing one. We have plenty of ideas and possibilities to raise funds, hold events which not only help us meet budget needs but also provide a network and fellowship of FM professionals. Please, please consider answering the calls coming soon for our Christmas luncheon or any other fund raising we might attempt. And don't forget the fun opportunities provided via Community Service activities - working a Beer fest or a Fisher House sponsored event such as 'Eggs on the Beach' help many and help your Chapter remain one of the top ones within ASMC. We are starting a new area in the newsletter this month - Committee Roll-Call. Various committees will send out updates or news via the newsletter to keep you updated on the latest.

Congrats on a successful FY15, here's to FY16, thank you again for your continued hard work, perseverance and dedication to the FM profession ... and the Gulf Coast Chapter!

Leah Hodge, President

MINUTES: Executive Council

The ASMC Executive Committee meeting minutes are posted on the Gulf Coast Chapter webpage. To review them, please go to the website:

<http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/> and click on the tab marked "Minutes" along the top.



Upcoming Events



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OCTOBER LUNCHEON

When: 21 Oct 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Clemenza's, Uptown Station
Who: Ms Kristy Golden, AFCAA
What: Air Force Cost Analysis Agency

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

When: 18 Nov 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Pepitos, FWB
Who: Col Charlesworth
What: Budget–National, DoD, AF, Local Implications

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>

DECEMBER – HOLIDAY PARTY

When: 17 Dec 2015 at 11:30am
Where: Luke's Place, Eglin AFB
Who: Mr Steve Herrera
What: Games, Free lunch, and Fun!

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AA-A2/AQ/Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Interested in preparing a meal for guests at our local Fisher House? This is a great opportunity to give to those who have served our country! Check out the feature on page 5. ASMC is still looking for volunteers on Tuesday, 20 Oct from 5-7 pm. Please contact Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or by email at maika.andrew.1@us.af.mil.

WAYS and MEANS

A big THANK YOU to Amn Dariyelle Ricks, Robert Turpin, Catherine Gunn, and Gayle Thomas for making the recent pizza sale a huge success. We collected \$493.50 for the pizza sale!

In November, we plan on having a Fun Run/Walk (date TBD). An open auction is planned during the annual ASMC Christmas party. There will be an opportunity for BX gift wrapping in Nov/Dec. Annual ASMC golf course fundraiser is set for 8 April 2016 @ 1200. We invite you to submit other fundraising ideas.

POCs:

Mika Gellinger, 882-8650

Jennifer Miller, 882-0283



Community Service at the Fisher House



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The ASMC Community Service committee has scheduled bi-monthly dinners at our local Fisher House here on Eglin AFB. The ASMC Gulf Coast Chapter started preparing meals in July, and is scheduled every other Tuesday through the month of September. Pictured to the right are ASMC members that prepared the meal for the guests on 22 September. From left to right is Sarah Carroll, Gabi Geier-DuReitz, Maika Andrew, and Mercedes Suarez.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to provide a dinner with the Fisher House, you may call Maika Andrew at 850-420-8893 or she may be reached by email.

Pictured to the lower right are ASMC members that prepared the Taco Salad meal on 8 September. From left to right is Maj William Newby, Verlyn Newby, Summer Massey, and Maika Andrew.





Education/CDFM



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- To view a list of Gulf Coast Chapter CDFM awarded go to <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/cdfm-awarded/> and search by chapter.
- CDFM Reimbursement: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/cdfm.html>
(New rules and form dated 13 May 2015)
- Purchasing a CDFM Test Module: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/cdfm-information/testing-resources/>
- Forgot your CDFM Candidate number: <http://www.asmconline.org/certification/get-my-candidate-id/>
- EDFMT Course Details/Schedule:
<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/enhanced-defense-financial-management-training-course/>
 - Training information relating to the EDFMT course is available, if interested please contact Lisa Gamon, contact info provided below.
- We have Module 4 Acquisition Business Management training guides available, contact POCs listed below:

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available to individuals who are actively employed in military comptrollership, as active duty or civilian personnel for DoD or USCG.

Associate membership is available for those who don't meet the qualifications but are currently employed in a defense related financial management field.

Employees of private sector companies who are interested in ASMC membership may join under the corporate membership program.

New military members E1-E4 and civilian GS1-GS7 can be reimbursed for half of their yearly membership fee. *New members only.* I will be providing information about upcoming membership drives and other activities as they are planned. To register to become a new member, please visit the ASMC Website (Pg 7).

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Websites



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We're on FACEBOOK!

We are pleased to announce that our Chapter's **Facebook** page is up and running! We will utilize this venue to share announcements of events and praises going on throughout our chapter. If you would like to submit a picture to share on the Chapter Facebook page, please email it to, gulfcoast.asmc@gmail.com, and be sure to include a caption. Pictures must be related to Chapter members/events. Be sure to like our page! <https://m.facebook.com/gulfcoast.asmc>.

ASMC WEBSITES

ASMC National Headquarters website is: <http://www.asmconline.org/>
Gulf Coast Chapter website is: <http://www.gulfcoastasmc.org/>

We are looking for new ideas to include on our webpage. Please contact our webmasters Jason Guzzardo (882-7595) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on chapter website issues.

NATIONAL NEWS

National PDI 2016 - held in Orlando, FL.

Please take advantage of other opportunities to fulfill your required CDFM CPEs to include local chapter training events, programs offered through the Online Learning Center, PDI 2011- 2015 recorded sessions, and Armed Forces Comptroller journal articles.

Use the link found on www.asmconline.org to register and take tests as applicable to get your credit.



Obama: I Won't Sign Another Short-Term Spending Bill

by Eric Katz, Oct. 2nd, execgov.com



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President Obama on Friday laid down the marker for congressional negotiators, saying he would not sign another short-term funding bill like the one he signed this week to stave off a government shutdown.

Obama signed a 10-week continuing resolution on Wednesday, narrowly avoiding the second shutdown in two years and funding federal agencies at their fiscal 2015 levels.

"I want to be very clear: I will not sign another short-sighted spending bill like the one Congress sent me this week," Obama said at a press conference. "We purchased ourselves 10 additional weeks. We need to use them effectively."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said he wants to negotiate a two-year budget deal that raises the top-line spending levels above sequestration caps for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The process in the House remains uncertain as the Republican majority shakes up its leadership in the wake of the pending resignation of Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. More than half of House Republicans voted against the CR on Wednesday, but a shutdown was avoided with some of the majority and all Democratic legislators agreeing to the measure.

Obama said governing from crisis to crisis could slow the growth of the U.S. economy, as could the across-the-board cuts that would accompany the continuation of sequestration.

"Around the globe, part of what makes us a leader is when we govern effectively, and when we keep our house in order, when we pass budgets, when we can conduct long-term planning, when we invest in the things that are important for the future," Obama said. "That's U.S. leadership."

Also on Friday, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew set a Nov. 5 deadline for raising the debt ceiling, which Obama said will not be up for negotiation.



Info from Becker Professional Education



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Becker is adding new courses constantly and many of them apply to the Government. They have both Yellow book and Green Book courses as well as soft skills that everyone needs. Below is information on CPA and CPE courses:

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